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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 29, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 17, lines 29-31, please replace "copending and commonly assigned, U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/897,903, filed July 21, 1997" with --U.S. Patent 5,989,514--.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 17 and 18, as follows:

- 1. (Three times amended) A collection of particles comprising aluminum oxide, the collection of particles having an caverage diameter of [the] primary particles from about 5 nm to about 500 nm/ and less than about one in 10<sup>6</sup> particles have a diameter greater than about three times the average diameter of the collection of particles.
- 17. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a collection of aluminum oxide particles having an average diameter from about 5 nm to about 500 nm, the method comprising:

